

## **North Lake Union Metro Properties Master Plan** **Public Open House (June 15, 2004)**

### **Waterborne Transportation Break Out Session**

(Note: This group later combined with the discussion group for the waterfront parcels)

#### ***General Discussion Points***

- Public / private partnership is very appropriate for waterborne transit
- State Law enables counties (including King County) to levy funding for ferry systems
- Water transit action would fit with emergency preparedness planning at the County level

#### ***Upcoming Waterborne Transit Study***

- County sponsored water transit planning study will be taking place in upcoming months.
- Formal announcement will go out June 18 for two waterborne transit working sessions.
- Study will examine multiple potential routes including:
  - Triangular service on Lake Union
  - Trans Lake Washington
  - High speed across the sound
  - Existing West Seattle demonstration route
- King County may be interested in participating in a pedestrian only waterborne transit service

#### ***Wake Discussion***

- Cary Bozeman, Mayor of Bremerton, has secured funding for a no wake technology center in Bremerton.
- Currently, Fire and Police boats throw a sizeable wake
- Wake issues are important issue in considering waterborne transit

#### ***Funding Discussion***

- Establishing a capital fund at the State Legislature for waterborne transit would likely be a 5 year process
- Federal funding through renewal of TEA – 21 includes continuation and expansion of funding for ferry systems.
- Title 11 – Includes funding support for the Cruise ship industry. Some funding in this Title may be applicable for ferry service.